

Executive Director Report
July 26, 2007

Budget

- Realizing budgetary savings attributed to staff vacancy (January – August, 2007).
- Secured a commitment of funding (\$45,000) from Office of Emergency Services for Delta-wide emergency planning and response plan and program development.
- Completed contract with Center for Collaborative Policy (\$10,000) for support services relative to Delta-wide emergency preparedness and response facilitation.
- Submitted final revisions to receive awarded Working Landscapes Grant in the amount of \$800,000 (\$45,000 to DPC over 3 years for grant management).
- Contracts being finalized for Lower Bypass Collaborative partners to receive awarded grant funds (\$14,750 to DPC as co-lead).
- Submitted Budget Change Proposal request to Resources Agency (\$82,000).
- Anticipate award of \$300,000 from Contra Costa County for Delta Trail feasibility and planning process.
- Submitted funding request of \$400,000 to Solano County Parks and Recreation Commission for expenditure of Kinder Morgan Settlement Agreement funds (Suisun Marsh) to support the Delta Trail planning and development process.

Staffing/Administration

Consistent with Strategic Plan Leadership Strategy:

- Staff Services Analyst position has been upgraded to Associate Governmental Program Analyst (Sheila Singleton), effective June 1, 2007.
- Environmental Scientist position has been reclassified to Supervising Environmental Planner (new staff), effective August 1, 2007.
- Half-time clerical position has been established (new position/new staff).
- Two graduate student intern positions have been established (new position/new staff).
- Processing for upgrade of Executive Director position has been initiated.
- Office upgrades (including modular furniture for effective space utilization, new computers and relative programs) have been ordered.

Legislation

- Bill Analysis of Support position for Senate Bill 669 (Torlakson) Continuous Regional Recreation Corridors (Funding) submitted to Resources Agency. Testified before Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee as to consistency with the Commission's Resource Management Plan.
- Bill Analysis of Neutral position for Senate Bill 555 (Machado) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta submitted to Resources Agency.
- Participated in discussion with Assemblywoman Mary Salas facilitated by Alf Brandt, Consultant to the Assembly.

Projects/Facilitation

- Participating in Delta County OES Team meetings and facilitating preparations for bond funding requests for Delta Emergency Plan preparation.
- Preparing map for continued Delta-wide Ag Easement Program discussions with Department of Conservation, American Farmland Trust, Department of Food and Agriculture and the five Delta county land trusts to develop principles and strategies for a proactive program. GIS mapping overlays are being developed to identify: floodplain; elevations; farmland/Williamson Act; habitat easements; and probability of urbanization.
- Relative to The Great California Delta Trail facilitation and planning process, Identifying existing publicly-owned sites, reviewing existing plans, preparing plan outline, and researching grant opportunities.
- Facilitated a tour for Sacramento County, including staff of the District Attorney's Office, relative to the Mayberry Slough abandoned vessel issue.
- Facilitated posting of four welcome to the Delta signs in San Joaquin County through an in-kind contribution of the County Public Works Department.
- Relative to Delta Vision, providing input and support to Delta Vision staff, including input on context memos, facilitated DPC panel presentation to Blue Ribbon Task Force.
- Providing input on Delta Risk Management Study draft report development process.
- Facilitated Delta state/local habitat conservation easement coordination discussion.

Public Affairs/Outreach

- Made presentations to the Clarksburg Citizens Advisory Committee. Facilitated a tour for a member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.
- Participated in planning, and participated on panel, for Dutch Delegation tour hosted by the Corps of Engineers.

- Made presentation to Water Education Foundation Annual Delta Tour participants.
- Provided planning and facilitation support for Delta Vision Stakeholder Committee meeting in Courtland and Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting in Antioch.
- Provided planning and facilitation support for Delta Risk Management Strategy public meeting in Rio Vista.
- Made presentation about the Great California Delta Trail to the Solano County Parks and Wildlife Commission.
- Executive Director interviewed by, and provided input for, article featuring the Delta in California Country Magazine.
- Upgraded exhibit materials and handouts, including user-friendly map exhibit.
- Drafted revised web site format to be consistent with State policies to take effective September 1, 2007.